

# Reclamation Manual

## Directives and Standards

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### **PROJECT USE POWER – CRITERIA TO CONSIDER WHEN CONSIDERING A DEVIATION:**

In accordance with FAC 04-06, the use of Project Use Power is restricted to facilities and equipment wholly owned by the Bureau of Reclamation. If it is in Reclamation's best interest to deviate from this requirement (i.e., deliver Project Use Power to non-Federal facilities and equipment), a deviation may be requested in accordance with RCD 03-03.

To be considered for a deviation, *one or more of the following three criteria must be met:*

1. A biological opinion is preventing the use of Reclamation-owned facilities to deliver irrigation water to a contracted point of delivery.
2. A court decree or order is requiring Reclamation to deliver water to a specific location through non-Reclamation owned facilities.
3. The non-Federal load is consistent with the underlying Reclamation Project authorization and directly associated with Reclamation Project operations. For the non-Federal load to be determined consistent with the underlying Reclamation Project authorization and directly associated with Reclamation Project operations, *all of the following criteria must be met:*
  - 3.1. Authority exists to deliver Project Use Power to project facilities and equipment.
  - 3.2. The water being delivered is considered Reclamation project water.
  - 3.3. The Project Use Power will deliver project water to authorized project lands.
  - 3.4. Existing water service or repayment contracts exist with Reclamation for water delivery and/or repayment of project construction costs.
  - 3.5. The Project Use Power will serve loads described in FAC 04-06, Paragraph 5.B.
  - 3.6. The requested Project Use Power falls within Reclamation project power capacity or energy limits, if applicable.

If none of the criteria are met, consider any mitigating factors or considerations for delivery of Project Use Power to non-Federal facilities and equipment.